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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Minutes of Meeting held in Director's  
Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, on 5 April 1951

Director of Central Intelligence  
Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith  
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence,  
Department of State  
Major General A. R. Bolling, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,  
Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Felix L. Johnson, Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Department of the Navy  
Major General Charles P. Cabell, Director of Intelligence,  
Headquarters, United States Air Force  
Brigadier General Vernon E. Megee, USMC, Deputy Director for  
Intelligence, The Joint Staff  
Mr. Victor P. Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

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[redacted] Central  
Intelligence Agency  
Mr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency  
[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency  
[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency  
Mr. Charles C. Stelle, Department of State  
Brigadier General John Weckerling, Department of the Army  
\* Colonel Edward T. Cowen, Department of the Army  
\* Mr. John E. Jackson, Department of the Army  
Captain Ray Malpass, USN, Department of the Navy  
Colonel Edward H. Porter, Department of the Air Force  
\* Lieut. Colonel Charles F. Gillis, Department of the Air Force  
Captain R. G. McCool, USN, The Joint Staff

Secretary  
Mr. James Q. Reber  
Central Intelligence Agency

\* For part of the meeting.

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Approval of Minutes

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1. Action: The minutes of the meeting of 2 April 1951 (IAC-M-24) were approved.

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Census and Verification of All Armed Forces and Armaments

(IAC-D-17) [redacted]

2. Action: Work on this estimate, which will probably be published as a special estimate, should follow normal procedure. The limitations of intelligence to provide the answers to the questions in this paper are recognized but emphasis is placed on the need to get the best answers possible within a week.

*Internal security aspect of this question should be carefully explored.*  
Chinese Communist Capabilities

and Intentions with Respect to

Taiwan (NIE-27) [redacted]

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3. Action: Approved this draft for publication with revisions. It was agreed that a footnote to paragraph 19 would be provided to state Air Force dissent regarding the question of Chinese capability to capture Taiwan.

Distribution of NIE's

4. Action: General Smith announced the severe reduction of NIE's to be distributed within CIA and requested the other agencies to give careful reconsideration to their needs with a considerable reduction as the objective. NIE's being distributed to the Army, Navy, and Air Force will flow through the Heads of the respective intelligence agencies.

Proposed NIE - "Spain's Position in the East-West Conflict"

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5. Action: Agreed to initiate an estimate on this subject along the lines of the terms of reference proposed by General Cabell in his memorandum of April 4, distributed at the meeting.

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